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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: "Old Bloomfield" Part of "Brampton"				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Entrance on the south side of Cape St. John Road east of Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: overlooking South River Cape St. John				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: J. Walter Jones				
STREET AND NUMBER: Cape St. John Road Phone: 267-7029				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Annapolis, Maryland				
CITY OR TOWN: Map # 50, AD #2, Parcel # 157			STATE:	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Old Bloomfield" is situated on a bluff over-looking the South River near the Riva Bridge. It is a large and elegant late 18th or early 19th century brick house. One room deep, with a seven bay facade running east-west, it takes good advantage of the view and the cooling river breezes. The 2 story, 2 bay kitchen attached to the east end has a smaller scale. It was built some time after the main house.

"Old Bloomfield" has been altered a great deal over the years. An old photograph shows that the entrance porch on the land side had had a hipped roof covering the center three bays. The porch was removed sometime in the early 1900's; and the belt course was repaired and the existing, simple, ~~flat~~ pediment installed over the old door frame. The original transom light is still visible from the inside of the house. The window on either side of the door has a segmental arch above it rather than a stone lintel. There are still outlines on the brick where the porch columns were attached. The porch on the river side of the house is probably the same length now as it was originally. All of the windows beneath it have arches rather than stone lintels. The sides of the porch were bricked in recently.

The north and south facades have, in addition to the belt-course, an elaborate cornice with eaves-brackets, a half-round mold and at the bottom, a row of dentils. The stone lintels are decorated with a key-block. An interesting detail of the exterior window frames is the Federal style molding, more commonly found in interiors. Each window has a carved frame, set flush with the face of the brick. The upper corners are square blocks with drilled centers. All of the windows have 6/6 panes. They are smaller on the second story than on the first.

At the west end of the house the base of the chimney protrudes from the wall and shows the outline of a fireplace opening. The bricks filling the space appear to be of the same lot as the rest of the chimney. In the wall there is a similar opening the size of a door. The builder may have intended to extend the house further after the rest was completed.

The house has a water table with a simple chamfered edge. The brick is laid in flemish bond.

The kitchen wing has the same kind of windows as the house. The lintels are plain and the cornice is less ornate. There is no belt course nor is there a water table. The brick, also laid in flemish bond, appears to be softer and less regular. The local legend is that these bricks were taken from houses in Annapolis. The interior of the kitchen has been completely modernized.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losaphy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Old Bloomfield" is located on part of a late 17th century land grant known as "Brampton". One of the early owners of the land was John McCubbin. A small brick house on the other side of Cape St. John Road is believed to have been built by him. Whether or not a McCubbin began the building of "Old Bloomfield" is not known. "Brampton" was purchased in 1791 by Allen Quyn, a prominent Annapolitan, and it is more likely that he was responsible for the later house. The name "Old Bloomfield" was attached to it probably in the mid 19th century. The house has had a succession of owners in recent years.

Enjoying a prominent location and presenting a striking appearance both from the river and the land this house is also of an unusual style and proportion. The normal five bay length of a Federal style house has been expanded to seven bays making this a very large building. The materials and the scale of the construction were also beyond the means of most people in the area at the end of the 18th century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Amy Hiatt	
ORGANIZATION Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning	DATE July 1975
STREET AND NUMBER: Arundel Center	
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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The interior of the main house appears to have been altered several times in both the 19th and 20th centuries. There is a wide, central stair hall, with a dining room on the east side and a parlor on the west. On the second floor, the plan is similar with the larger west room divided into a suite. There are two small rooms on the north side of the hall. The east chamber and the dining room below have the same dimensions; a set of steps leads down from this room to the chamber above the kitchen. The window in the small room directly above the front door retains the marks where bars had been let into the frame. The original steps to the attic are now gone. The east end* has been partitioned off with a simple, panel wall, and plastered over hand split lathes.

Beneath an old elm tree in the yard is a small building laid up in all header bond of the same type of brick as the kitchen. It is now used as a garden house. All of the other outbuildings are modern.



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" Old Bloomfield
" Brampton
North Elevation

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Old Bloomfield,,
"Brampton"
South Elevation

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"Old Bloomfield"
Brampton

Brick & Cornice
details
South-East Corner

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"Old Bloomfield"
"Brampton"
Fireplace opening
West end wall

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"Brampton"
Old Bloomfield.

Garden house &

Large Oak

South Elevation

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